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Earth Day celebrated by MSU community

BY SARA JEAN CASTLE
 STAFF WRITER

Campus Earth Day events that faculty and students can participate in are scheduled throughout April and May.

Activities began last Friday with a campus-wide cigarette butt pickup and count.

Susan Wright, Earth Day committee member and MSU Physical Plant office manager said cigarette butts are a problem on campuses and is one reason the plant wanted to retain the campus-wide cleanup.

Wright said MSU's science club is in charge of the cigarette butt cleanup.

Though Wright is coordinating the Earth Day activities, she said the recruited MSU First Lady Ronald Eglin and April Haight, manager of the Physical Plant recycling program, to take over the planning of MSU's Earth Day events.

Haight said the second event, to be held May 3, would be considered the Earth Day Challenge.

"We wanted to show that Earth Day is

more than just picking up trash. We have expanded the program to ideas such as the planting of native plants and other activities to prove the importance of the event," Haight said.

She said activities would include a memorial tree dedication, a cigarette butt count, the removal of non-native plants, and planting of native plants.

Those interested in participating in the May 3 event can sign up for a certain team and work in a certain area of campus location.

Haight said the event would begin at 9 a.m. and continue until noon.

The MSU chapter of Habitat for Humanity chapter is one of the teams assigned for the cleanup of Eagle Lake.

The Environmental Club will also be taking part in many campus Earth Day events.

Environmental Club President Erica

Schuler said the club plans to hold an Earth Day festival where members will be giving away free trees and picking up trash on campus.

"We need to take that responsibility for our environment, for those of us today and the many generations to come," Schuler said.

Bonnie Eglin said when the May 3 event ends at noon, everyone will gather on the lawn of Laughlin Gymnasium where President Ronald Eglin and vice presidents of the university will cook hotdogs and hamburgers for all of those who participate that day.

"I feel May 3 is a good date for students to get a chance to relax and have fun before finals," Mrs. Eglin said.

Eglin said those who participate in the May 3 Earth Day event will also receive free

T-shirts and have a chance to win door prizes awarded during the cookout.

Wright said the committee also decided to introduce the "Have Pride Pick Up Five" campaign while Earth Day activities are taking place.

Posters were hung April 15 at various campus locations for faculty and students to pledge to pick up five pieces of trash each day.

"I think everyone should take the responsibility to take care of what we have. A clean campus is always something that students, faculty, even parents, took highly upon," Wright said.

She said the "Pick Up Five" campaign is something in which everyone can participate.

Haight said those volunteering for the event will be doing their part by donating their time to help keep earth beautiful.

Eglin said, "The campaign won't just be

an Earth Day event. We hope it will continue to grow and last for many years here at MSU and surrounding counties."

She said the planning of annual Earth Day events at MSU began two years ago, having as many as 200 active participants.

Haight said nearly 250 people attended last year's Earth Day events.

"It seemed like all participants last year had a good time. I hope to have the same turnout for this year's activities," she said.

PRIDE, an off-campus environmental protection organization, is sponsoring MSU's Earth Day events.

"The group is providing T-shirts, latex gloves, trash bags and many other items for the event," Haight said.

She said MSU and Rowan County are also providing support for the activities.

Aramark is donating food for the cookout after the campus cleanup on May 3.

Music store to relocate from Main Street

BY NICK DAVIS
 ARTS EDITOR

A Morehead business that garners a lot of business from MSU students is moving to a new location.

Main Street Music will no longer be on Main Street, but Manager Jared Maynard says the store will still be called Main Street Music, or a witty offshoot.

"It's going to still be called Main Street Music, but if we change the name it will be Store Formerly Known As Main Street Music," Maynard says.

MSU Junior Tim Hall is disappointed to see the store leave.

"It's basically a part of campus. It's not even a two-minute walk from Combs and Lappin. It's easy to just drop in after class," Hall says.

Main Street Music has been on Main Street and has been providing students with cassettes, CDs, VHS movies, DVDs and video games since 1993.

Owner Dave Carpenter says the lack of campus business factored into the move.

"We have less customers coming off of campus foot-wise, and that was our main draw," Carpenter says.

The congestion of traffic, also played a role in the relocation, he says.

"We'll have more parking in the new location which will make access to the store easier," Carpenter says.

Maynard says the store's original location was next door to its current location, in what is now the dining area of Foushees.

"It's a good location we have now, being close to campus," Maynard says.

"When we opened, it was a great time for a music store with the grunge scene being big. Then the internet came around and people stopped buying music," Maynard says.

The new location is next to Dukster's Car Wash on U.S. 60. The store will share the Media 1 building with Ultimate Video.

Maynard says he hopes the new location will expand the customer base for the business.

"Our location now gets us a lot of campus customers and we figured that by being closer to the main drag we will be able to draw in more local customers," Maynard says.

"People driving down the road will be able to see us and stop, where they really can't see us where we are now."

Maynard says he hopes by sharing a building with Ultimate Video, the store will bring in many new customers.

"It'll be like a one-stop store — you can get a movie and music," Maynard says.

Maynard says it will be strange at first, sharing a space with another business but he thinks it will work out fine.

"It's like living by yourself all your life then suddenly, getting a roommate," Maynard says.

Some MSU students do not like the idea of the store moving because they can easily and quickly walk from campus to the current location.

Junior Jason Stone says he will probably cut down on his visits to Main Street Music due to the move.

"I think it is bad idea for them to move. I think they are going to lose

some business because their base of customers is from campus," Stone says.

This could cause some of the more steady customers to make fewer trips down to the store, he says.

"Most people won't walk that far from campus, especially across highway 60 to go there. I'm usually there twice a week, and after the move I probably won't move there more than once a month," Stone says.

Maynard says it would not be that much of an inconvenience and he thinks the store's regular customers will continue to shop there.

Hall says the relocation is not a big deal and he will still visit the store frequently.

"I go there a couple of times a week, and I have a truck so I will still be able to go there without it being an inconvenience," Hall says.

Hall says he hopes the new location will mean more merchandise and a larger selection.

"Hopefully with the new place, since it's bigger, they will have more CDs with a more diverse

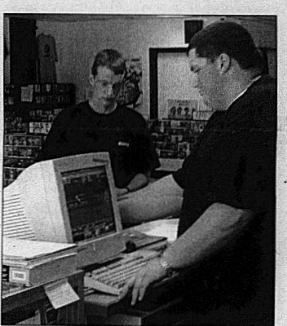


Photo by Nick Davis

Manager Jared Maynard completes a purchase for MSU Junior Tim Hall. Main Street Music will be relocating next door to Dukster's Car Wash in May.

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On your marks... get set... Go!



Photo by Jonnel Park

The ROTC program of MSU sponsored its annual 5K run Saturday. The race began at the Academic Athletic Center and continued throughout campus and Morehead. As many as 44 participants ran in the race and awards were distributed at the race's end. See photos of the first place male and female winners on Page 5.

Dorm temperatures not easily regulated

BY LINDSAY MCNABB
 STAFF WRITER

Just as spring weather arrives about this time each year, so do the annual complaints from students complaining about their air conditioning units not being turned on.

Sophomore Shalane Butler said the frustration because she has no control over the temperature in her own room.

"I signed up for a dorm with air conditioning, and it seems reasonable that I should have it when the temperature goes up," Butler said.

She said at times, she has opened the windows to stay cool but with all the construction being done, the noise makes concentration difficult.

Todd Thacker, building maintenance superintendent, said it is not as easy as everyone thinks to switch from heat to air conditioning.

Thacker said students should realize that turning the air conditioning on requires more than flipping a switch.

"It takes a good three to five days to convert from heating to cooling or vice-

versa," Thacker said.

Thacker said in order to get the air turned on in most of the residence halls, water must run from the building into one of MSU's 42 chillers to cool the water.

The chiller provides cooling for all the major facilities on campus, he said.

Depending on the size of the system, the coolers take anywhere from two to five days to convert to air.

Thacker said the time is required to allow the chiller, piping and other components to gradually adjust to the change of the water temperature.

He said, "If we let the water get out to the chillers and the temperatures drop, we would take a chance on freezing up the chiller, and that could spell trouble."

He said, because of the great fluctuation of outside temperatures in April and May in the spring and September and October in the fall, the need for heating and/or air conditioning can change from day to day and sometimes from week to week during these months.

Thacker said, "We can't go back

and forth each time there is a change in the weather. The systems aren't able to handle that."

He said it is difficult for the existing HVAC systems in most campus facilities to provide ideal temperatures within facilities during these times.

He said, "Most residence halls have two pipe systems, which limit the buildings to have either heat or cooling, but not both."

He said there are many factors and guidelines that determine which buildings can be switched over during fluctuations in outside temperature and which cannot.

"Buildings like Thompson Hall and Mays Hall are able to go between heat and air as needed, but they are running on an entirely different system," Thacker said.

He said some classroom buildings like Rader and Lappin Halls have four pipe systems, which allow them to go from heat to cool when necessary.

"We try to get the classroom

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EDITORIAL

Graduation fee is the final way of picking our pockets

MSU continues to find more and more creative ways to dollar students to death. With yearly increases in tuition and housing, outrageous book prices and excessive fines for practically every service on campus, by the time graduation rolls around, one would think this institution would be satisfied with the money it has already scraped from the pockets of its students.

But administrators have found the ultimate, definitive way to fine students before they escape this money machine — the commencement fee. Basically, impending graduates are required to pay \$10 to the registrar in order to graduate May 10, whether they walk across the stage or not.

Not only do students have to pay to attend the university, they have to pay to leave.

Granted, it is only \$10, but the principle itself is enough to provoke rage. After all, \$10 is a lot of money to a poor college student.

Along with tuition and housing fees, after shelling out four or five years worth of parking fines, transcript request fees, printing fees and copy fees, the total amount of money spent could have financed small revolutions in third-world countries.

But it is the superfluous fees, such as the graduation fee, that seem so insulting to graduating students. Plus, there is still the cap, gown and tassel to buy — an additional \$20 added to the total graduation package.

So, graduating students are paying \$30 to graduate from MSU on top of the thousands of dollars they paid just to attend, when many students think MSU should be reimbursing them.

To all graduating students of MSU — when you walk across the stage to receive that blank sheet of rolled-up paper, be sure and take the time to shake President Ronald Eaglin's hand — firmly. Look him in the eyes and smile. Demand he recognize you. He's working on your time. You paid for it.

M.W.

Consider This . . .

"It is not like a treasure hunt, where you just run around looking everywhere hoping you find something."

— Donald Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense, on the search for chemical and biological weapons in Iraq, *TIME*

"Wow, this looks like Las Vegas."

— Tyrone Franklin, Marine captain, on Saddam Hussein's abandoned 1,000-acre compound in Tikrit, which includes monuments, artificial lakes and palaces, *TIME*

"I found the mass murderers I was looking for, and I have outlived all of them . . . My work is done."

— Simon Wiesenthal, age 94, Nazi hunter, telling an Austrian magazine that he is retiring, *TIME*

VOICE YOUR OPINION

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What's on your mind?



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Commentary

Celebrities' apologies are alarming



BY DUSTIN HAWKINS
CAMPUS LIFE
EDITOR

I'm sure by now everyone in America has heard about the comment made by Natalie Maines, lead singer of the country group Dixie Chicks, against President George W. Bush at a recent concert in London.

For those of you who are completely oblivious, the story goes something like this:

During a performance in London, Maines stepped in the middle of a song long enough to deliver her personal political message to the large audience.

"Just so you know, we're ashamed the president of the United States is from Texas."

— Natalie Maines, of the Dixie Chicks

show mentions the Dixie Chicks is on the countdown but does not play the song. Instead they play the next song on the countdown.

What in redneck hell is going on?

Since when have Americans become so shallow that they forgot what America really stands for?

By expressing her feelings and concerns, Maines is using her patriotic, conventional privilege of free speech.

— Just because she is a celebrity does not mean she gives up her First Amendment rights.

— Personally, I find the Dixie Chicks ban rather sad and disturbing. A very talented group is being chastised because they have an unpopular opinion on the U.S. president and the recent war.

A radio conglomerate should not decide whether or not I listen to an artist. If you do not agree with the statements made by Maines then next time you hear a Dixie Chicks song on the radio, change the channel. Better yet, do not buy their CD. It's as simple as that.

— Susan Sarandon, actress

As people get a grip! Is not freedom of opinion one of the values that we cherish as a democratic country?

Madonna has even banned her own video for her new song

"American Life" from television play in the United States.

Madonna conceived a video, or more accurately a mini-movie, for "American Life" that was anti-war and anti-fashion and pulled no punches — so much so that it was reportedly considered "very upsetting" even to some in Madonna's inner circle, according to an MTV report.

During the video she is seen throwing a live grenade at a Bush look-alike. This scene had critics calling the material girl anti-Bush.

In retaliation Madonna says, "It's not me being anti-Bush — it's me being ironic and tongue in cheek. It's my kind of wish for peace and my desire to sort of turn a weapon of destruction, which is a grenade, into something that is completely innocuous."

It is surprising to see this ban from an artist whose career is chock-full of controversy.

— Madonna, regarding her new music video for her song "American Life"

One of these days the United States of America will look back on this time in history and give itself a smack on the forehead.

Hopefully, by then our rights and freedoms will not be further restricted and people will not be afraid to say what they believe.

It's not ironic that we should be, quote unquote, liberating another country and giving them a democracy when we're telling people here if they open their mouths, they're not allowed to participate."

So far, Sarandon has not

retracted the quote, but a spokesperson for CBS where Sarandon was appearing in a TV movie, quickly established that Sarandon's statement in no way reflected that of the network.

Seeing these artists being forced to apologize and restricting their work has me a bit concerned. Also as a citizen of the United States, am I next?

Has America really grown this sensitive? Have we forgotten the days where we could throw any given criticism at the president and be praised for it? Anyone remember the Clinton era?

Criticism are one thing. Apologizing for your views and opinions is another.

Those who have the strength and conviction to voice their opinions should be strong enough to back their words and remain standing for what they believe — no matter how different it is from mainstream opinion, popular thought, or what the majority tells them they should believe.

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her concerns on the issue of U.S. involvement in the Iraqi war.

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CAMPUS LIFE

Around Campus

Alumnus running mate for 2003 governor's race

Former MSU student Tony Miller of Louisville Jefferson County circuit court clerk, said he felt at home when he and Kentucky House Speaker Jody Richards visited campus last week as part of their gubernatorial campaign.

Richards, a former professor at Western Kentucky, is running for governor and Miller is his running mate for lieutenant governor.

They were traveling throughout East Kentucky in a school bus to promote their education platform.

Miller attended MSU for two years and later earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Louisville.

Reminder: Spring Gala this weekend

MSU's annual Spring Gala will be held this Saturday April 26, starting at 6 p.m. in the Laughlin Health Building.

MSU President and Mrs. Ronald G. Eaglin will entertain many of the University's family, friends and supporters for this year's event - "An ExtraGALactic Experience."

For attendees that have purchased the deluxe package, at \$125 per person, they will enjoy a reception at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the Laughlin Health Building. Valet parking will be provided.

An individual package, at \$50 per person, will begin with a light buffet and reception at 7 p.m. in the lobby of Wetherby Gymnasium.

The Gala Symphony Band conducted by Dr. Richard Miles, director of bands, will perform the Star Wars Trilogy by John Williams and arranged by Donald Hunsberger, will provide the featured program, which is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. Musical selections will include "The Imperial March (Darth Vader's Theme)," "Princess Leia's Theme," "Battle in the Forest (The Forest Battle)," "Yoda's Theme," and "Star Wars (Main Theme)."

Now in its 11th year, the gala has raised nearly \$600,000 for MSU's academic programs.

President's Spring Concert is April 30

The Morehead State University community is invited to bring a picnic basket and blanket to the President's Spring Concert on the Lawn, on Wednesday, April 30.

Beginning at 6:30 p.m. on the lawn of Field's Hall, MSU's Concert Band, under the direction of Dr. Susan D. Cressap, will perform, as well as special guest faculty artists.

The event is free and open to the public.

Volunteering students help St. Louis needy

BY GEORGE CARTER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Twenty students from the MSU Baptist Student Union went to St. Louis, Mo., during spring break, where they performed community service and volunteered at local facilities.

The students, along with BSU Campus Minister Gene Parr, left Morehead March 22 and returned March 29. They stayed at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Jason Hale, a senior psychology and speech communications double major, and Samantha Casto, a junior social work major, both members of the BSU Missions Committee, were the co-organizers of the week's events.

Hale spent the summer of 2002 in St. Louis as part of M-Fuge, an organization that works with youth and focuses on community service and mission work.

Hale's experiences in St. Louis were part of the reason they decided to go there.

"I really saw a great need in St. Louis," Hale said. "It is a diverse city with so many people hurting."

The students worked at a food and clothing distribution shelter, two food banks, a nursing home, an adult day care, a daycare for children, an after-school program, and a center for children of homeless people.

They spent an evening leading a church service for teenagers. They also spent an afternoon cleaning out a garage for a local resident.

The students spent the last full day of the trip touring St. Louis.

Casto said much of the community service was done to help the

staffs of the facilities get things done more efficiently.

"I think we added 20 hands to a staff of two or three people and helped them to complete weeks' worth of work in just a few hours," she said.

At the adult daycare, the students spent time singing, coloring, painting fingernails, and talking with senior citizens.

Lindsay Wetzel, a sophomore elementary education major, said, "I was not looking forward to working with the senior citizens because I'm not used to doing that, but it turned out to be a great experience. I got a chance to hear about their lives while I was painting their nails."

Wetzel said the trip was a learning experience.

"I learned a lot about stepping out of my comfort zone and trusting God," she said, "and that's something I can take back with me."

At the nursing home, Jeffrey Wilson, a freshman CIS major, and other students spent time with Alzheimer's patients.

"It made me feel good talking to them," Wilson said. "I felt I was able to help by giving them attention the nurses couldn't give them." Sophomore health promotion major Angela Short enjoyed working at the Hope Community Center, a facility that provides food and clothing to local people in need.

"I wanted to be a part of such a great service," Short said. "I felt like my life had meaning because I was helping them."

Jason Hale said the trip helped

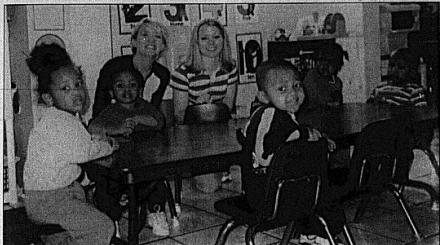


Photo submitted

Members of the BSU, Cara Anderson, above left, and Lindsay Wetzel, above right, sit with the children of Lots of Love Daycare in St. Louis. The daycare was established for children of the city's homeless.

the students by allowing them to see things they do not see on an everyday basis.

"A lot of times as people we wear blinders, and we are not aware of the needs of people around us," Hale said.

"A trip of this nature is good for everyone including myself because it opens our eyes to see what is happening and allows us to play a very small part in meeting people's needs."

Laura Peters, a senior BIS major, said, "I knew where we were poor people in the world, but I hadn't experienced it firsthand. Being there and seeing the people and loving on the children gave me a different perspective on the way I live

my life because I take so many things for granted."

Freshman music education major Kate Beyersdoerfer said she was glad to give up her week to help others.

"A big part of me wanted to go home and just take a break from

school," she said, "but I chose not to because I wanted to show people that they matter and I wanted to make a difference in their lives."

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY

Saturday, May 3

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Carmen, a gypsy girl...



Photo by Emily Letting

Andrea Trusty, left, astounds the audience as Carmen in Morehead State University Opera's rendition of George Bizet's opera *Carmen*. The event, sponsored by the Caudill College of Humanities, the Department of Music and the Regional Arts Appreciation Fund ran April 22 and will have a repeat performance tonight at 8 p.m. The opera will be performed in Duncan Recital Hall on the first floor of Blair Music Hall.

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Student Film Festival

Saturday, April 26th

MSU - Breckinridge Hall 002

Free Admission

No Food OR Drink allowed in the Auditorium

Special Thanks to Caudill College of Humanities, Department of English, Department of Communication and Theatre

Correction Notice

Online room selection for FALL '03 will take place from **6:00AM to 11:00PM** on the designated days **NOT**

6:00am to 11:00am as the ad in last week's paper stated.

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Epcot Science Center selects student as intern

BY MORGAN BATTRELL
STAFF WRITER

An MSU horticulture major's interest in an agriculture class has culminated into a plant genetic research internship at Walt Disney World.

Senior Karl Bennett will travel this summer to the Epcot Science Center for seven months.

Bennett says she attended an informational meeting at MSU.

Her position is an advanced internship and required her to interview the night of the informational meeting. That night she also needed to submit a portfolio that included her résumé, transcript, and three recommendation letters.

She chose to wait until Disney interviews went

to the University of Kentucky, and so had three days to prepare her portfolio.

"They asked me questions why I wanted to be part of the program and what I could do to benefit the system," she says.

Bennett says she was initially shocked when she found out she was the winner.

only biotechnology intern nationwide.

She will be working at The Land, an attraction at Epcot Center. She is located at the fishbowl, a section of the lab with a 40-foot wall and a 20-foot wall made of glass, she says.

Bennett says a boat ride will be passing on one side while on the other side there is a walkway.

"Every ten minutes you'll have to stop and wave and it's going to be very nerve wracking," he says.

Bennett will make tissue cultures and perform plant surgery on pineapples, strawberries, and Boston ferns.

The internship will compensate her hourly and assist her in finding housing, she says.

Working in a new lab environment is difficult for her, she says.

Bennett says she will need to be more careful because interns are required to wear only lab coats and gloves so the public can see their faces.

Another difficulty is more personal because she will be away from her family during Christmas, she says.

She says she was first an equine major, but after having her first agriculture class and worked in the greenhouse, she switched to horticulture.

Michael Pettit, horticulture supervisor, inspired Bennett, she says.

Bennett says, "He told me at the beginning not to get frustrated. He talks and explains to us in a way that we understand. He's got a really good attitude toward the field of



Bennett examines plant tissue cultures at MSU's horticulture lab.

study, that's what made me like it."

Sometimes they would lose whole tissue cultures and Pettit would encourage them to find the error and fix it instead of getting mad, Bennett says.

Pettit says this science is still new and opportunities grow each

year and Bennett is great example.

Bennett says after she finishes her internship she has two options. "I have loans to pay so it's either get a job or go back to school and get my master's at UK," she says.

And the winners are...



Sarah Levin



Todd LeJeunesse

Sarah Levin and Todd LeJeunesse beat out 42 participants to become the ROTC's Sk run top male and female runners

Photos by James Polk

Harry Potter fans unite.

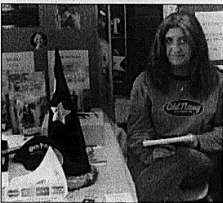


Photo by James Polk

Rachel Moore, above, president of the Collegiate Middle Level Association is also the head of the Harry Potter Extravaganza. The extravaganza took place April 8-9, 15-16 and 22-23 in Ginger Hall.



Photo submitted

MSU's Environmental Club was awarded the 2003 Earth Day Award presented by the Kentucky Environmental Quality Commission at the governor's mansion for clean up efforts in Carter Co., Ky.

UCLA co-eds celebrate 4/20

By Fannie Samreth
Daily Bruin (U. California-Los Angeles)

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES — "4:20 Louis." It was 1972 — what followed those words became the stuff of legends.

The boys of San Rafael High School didn't know it then, but their code, 4/20, spread throughout Marin County, Calif., and is now the widespread code for the day or time to smoke marijuana.

The story is one of many explaining the origins of the phenomenon associated with mellowing out and expanding one's consciousness. Louis Pasteur, located in front of the school.

"We were supposed to meet there at about 4:20 after school to go out to the beach where supposedly

someone was growing weed out there," said Craig, who was a freshman at San Rafael at the time and requested his last name not be used.

"All day we kept saying '4:20 Louis,'" said Craig, now a 46-year-old physical education teacher.

The boys never found marijuana growing at the beach, but the term stuck and the clan of boys, known as the Waldos, continued to use 4/20 throughout high school and into college.

"It was a really simple thing because it was a good little code, our parents had no idea what we were talking about, and it was funny," Craig said.

Flash forward to 2003 and many students now recognize April 20 as the day to smoke marijuana rather than a time of day.

A group of five students were

cited by police officers for smoking and possessing marijuana on campus early Sunday morning.

Police officers were aware of the significance of the day, said Nancy Greenstein, director of community services for the university police.

If caught smoking marijuana or in possession of the drug, a student could be warned, be subject to student discipline through the dean of students' office, receive a citation, or be subject to a combination of these three possible consequences, Greenstein said.

Greenstein said she expected 4/20 this year to be more low-key than in past years since it fell on Easter Sunday.

Many UCLA students made plans to participate in the annual tradition this year.

"I'm going to wake up late, do homework, go to a Dodgers game and then smoke a lot of weed," said first-year undeclared student Tim Adams.

Adams said he has been smoking weed since his junior year in high school and feels that marijuana is a good way to meet people. He also said it's safer than drinking and smells better than cigarettes.

In the past on 4/20, many students have gathered on lawns on campus to smoke marijuana.

Some students, such as first-year biochemistry student Robin Bennett, had plans to spend 4/20 at home with her parents.

"I'm going to go to church and then have an Easter-egg hunt in my backyard," Bennett said.

Other students place no particular significance on the day.

"It's just another day of the week and I don't really smoke," said first-year undeclared student Meropi Peropoulos.

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Ode to the bench warmer



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The bench-warmer is the most underappreciated part of any sports team, and as the school year draws to a close, it is well past time to try to tribute to all those brave souls who ride the pine.

There are many types of benchwarmers, and each serves a precise function.

There is the freshman with lofty expectations who provides hope, but no matter how badly a season goes, there is always a chance the team's future star is just a few seats down the bench.

The aging relic of a departed coach's recruiting plan hangs on to a spot at the furthest reach of the bench, providing objective criticism about the coach and offering the younger kids anecdotes of past glories.

The saddest type of bench-warmer to watch is the injury-prone veteran. Years of effort have left the athlete scarred and wounded, yet determined as ever to break back into the lineup before time past glories.

The most popular type of bench-warmer is the Rudy, a name derived from the legendary play of a Notre Dame football walk-on of the same name. These are the athletes who have won a groove in their seat the entire career, only to emerge from the bench in the waning seconds of their final game and make a spectacular play.

A more common version of the Rudy is the athlete who comes in during the final seconds of any blowout contest; these appearances are reshined by crowds and immortalized to opponents.

The final and most unusual bench-warmer is the tackling dummy. These guys or girls dedicate years of their lives taking a beating from the starting squad in practice, away from the bright lights and crowds. Often, they don't even get to dress for contests, though sometimes a kind-hearted coach will designate them as a Rudy for a single fleeting moment.

Many of athletes affectionately known as tackling dummies have as much heart and determination as the greatest champion, but they simply may not be a body to match.

Benchwarmers play a vital role in the chemistry of a team and are often overlooked by fans and teammates alike.

Next time you see an athletic event, give some thought to the hard work and determination of benchwarmers. And when you see one enter the game, give them the spine-tingling cheer they deserve.

MSU batters take a few for the team

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Getting on base may be an essential part of baseball and softball, but two Morehead athletes have taken the most painful route to first base a record number of times.

Softball first-baseman Allison Queen broke the MSU career record for most times hit by a pitch with 15, while baseball right fielder Brandon Baarstad has broken the mark for times plunked in a season and tied the career mark all in one fell swoop.

Baarstad's 18 benches this season have tied the MSU career mark and smashed the single-season mark all at once.

"In Baarstad's words, 'Records were made to be broken.'"

Both athletes say they don't mind getting hit, as long as they contribute to the team's effort, but



Allison Queen

each said the pain is less than pleasant.

Queen says, "The worst part is

not during the game but the aftermath of going to therapy and trying to get rid of the bruise."

Baarstad described the feeling more graphically.

"It's like getting punched. My ribs are a lot of sore and my whole side is bruised right now."

Regardless of the pain, both players have resisted temptation to charge the mound.

Queen says her teammates joke with her about going after pitchers, but she has never really considered charging, while Baarstad says it is simply not worth the league suspensions doled out for such actions.

Despite the unflinching bond of being nailed by pitches at a torrid pace, the athletes couldn't have more different styles.

Queen, who demonstrated her power earlier this season by smashing several light bulbs on the left



Brandon Baarstad

field scoreboard, says she gets teased for standing so far from the plate.

"I'm almost out of the box and nowhere near the plate, and I still get hit," Queen says.

She says she feels pitchers will occasionally throw at a batter so they do not have to pitch to that person. Other times, Queen says she's just a victim of pitches that miss the strike zone.

Baarstad is a red-head batter whose primary objective is to get on base so subsequent batters can move him around the bases.

He says he crowds the plate, and often steps in closer as the pitcher delivers.

While both players say they take some good-natured ribbing from teammates, both say they will continue to do whatever they can to help the team.

Morehead gains first ever win over SE Missouri

BY BETHANY LEWIS
STAFF WRITER

For the first time in 41 contests, Morehead knocked off OVC softball power Southeast Missouri.

Saturday's road games resulted in two losses 4-7 and 3-6 but the Eagles won 7-4 Sunday and boosted their OVC record to 4-8.

With SEMO leading by three in the third, first baseman Allison Queen tripled, bringing home center Toni Orr and scored on an error, making the score 3-2.

Relieving starting pitcher Jackie Jackson in the sixth, Stephanie Hernandez had an almost perfect

performance, striking out six of the seven batters.

On Saturday the Eagles suffered with weak defense leading SEMO score six in four innings of the first game.

The Eagles power offense showed in the fifth when Orr hit her first career grand slam, the fifth in MSU history.

Right fielder Lyndsey Jackson had a strong offensive performance, hitting two of three from the plate.

Orr says, "It was great to finally have a day where we played to our potential."

She said the Eagles were disappointed in losing the first two games but they stuck together, hit well and came up with a win.

MSU traveled to Richmond Tuesday to face ECU in a double header.

All-Conference ECU pitcher Jonelle Cosar started both games and held the Eagles to 0-1 and 4-10 losses.

MSU's record stands at 7-28-1 and 4-10 in the OVC.

During the first game, power pitching from Hernandez allowed the Colonels to score only one in

the first inning.

Orr walked in the fourth and was the only Eagle to reach base.

MSU played stronger offense in the second game when third baseman Nikki Brock hit a two-run homer.

Orr said it was great to have Brock hit a homerun on Cosar since no one had gotten a hit off her in 37 innings this season.

The Eagles added two runs in the fourth when Brock doubled, ending right fielder Jessie Chin home. Brock later scored on a passed ball.

The Eagle defense struggled in the late innings and ECU scored four times on errors.

Orr said the team's weakness is not being able to put offense and defense together in the same game.

She said the umpires were hard to work with and left the batters guessing.

Orr said the team goes into games thinking, "There is always a chance to beat any given team on any given day."

Eagle baseball squad upset by CC

BY KEVIN MCKENZIE
STAFF WRITER

The Morehead State baseball team fell 8-2 to Cumberland Tuesday and has lost seven of its last 10 games, dropping the record to 12-22.

"Right now, we're just trying to hold each other up," said head coach John Jernigan.

Luke Lockwood (0-1) was tagged with the loss after giving up one run in two-thirds of an inning in relief.

Lance Seazor knocked in the only two of the day for MSU with a fourth inning two-run homer.

The baseball Eagles took one of three games versus Ohio Valley Conference opponent Tennessee Tech last weekend.

Tennessee Tech embarrassed MSU 14-1 in the first of two games Friday. Six Golden Eagles had at least two hits and five recorded at least two RBI.

Dominic Schneider (2-2) took the loss after surrendering eight runs in three and two thirds innings pitched.

Ben Downs (6-0) pitched a sixth, one-run complete game to remain perfect for the season for Tech.

"We ran into a really good pitcher in Ben Downs," said Jernigan. "He basically just shut us down."

The Eagles trailed on the offense

in the nightcap Friday, defeating TTU 17-15 in seven innings.

Kevin Matuszek had three hits and six RBI while Seazor went 3-for-5 with five RBI and the eventual game winning grand slam in the sixth. Dustin Miles and Robert Dietrich knocked in two runs apiece for the Eagles.

Greg Wood started for MSU but gave up 12 runs in four innings of the high scoring affair. Josh Pierce pitched the win with two innings of relief.

Morehead State was outscored 6-3 in the series finale Saturday.

Brandon Baarstad had two hits and all three RBI for MSU. Dietrich, Baarstad, Kevin Bryant and Bryan Ingram each had doubles on the day.

Casey Campbell (1-6) allowed six runs on nine hits in six and one thirds innings pitched.

The Eagles are 3-6 in OVC action with a trip to UT-Marlin slated for this weekend.

The Trail Blazer Student-Athlete of the Week: Katrin Schwarz



Katrin Schwarz

Katrin Schwarz went 3-0 last week and played an instrumental part in two wins for the women's tennis team.

She had two convincing wins at number one singles, with a 6-0, 6-1 win against Northern Kentucky and 6-1, 6-2 against Eastern Kentucky.

She partnered with Alex Becka for an 8-0 win at number one doubles.

Schwarz holds the team's best singles record at 14-5. She owns a 7-1 record in OVC play.

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